

Applicant Initiated Interview Request FormApplication No.: 10/811,733First Named Applicant: Dr. Jeffrey A. KleinExaminer: Bertheaud, Peter Art Unit: 3746Status of Application: Pending**Tentative Participants:**(1) Dr. Jeffrey A. Klein(2) James C. Yang(3) Kit M. Stetina(4) Examiner Bertheaud **RECEIVED
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APR 30 2008**Proposed Date of Interview: TBDProposed Time: TBD AM/PM**Type of Interview Requested:**(1) ☒ Telephonic(2) ☐ Personal(3) ☐ Video Conference

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If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Rej.</u>	<u>1 (Now 29)</u>	<u>Holtorf</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) <u>Rej.</u>	<u>4 (Now 32)</u>	<u>Reimels</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) <u>Rej.</u>	<u>12 (Now 40)</u>	<u>Burbank</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) <u>Rej.</u>	<u>15 (Now 43)</u>	<u>Burbank</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

☐ Continuation Sheet Attached**Brief Description of Argument to be Presented:**See attached.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.

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This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

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ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

#1 – Claims 29: Holtorf does not appear to teach a foot pedal delivering one pulse of air to a control air inlet in the console. Rather, Holtorf appears to suggest that a signal is generated by the foot pedal related to the magnitude of foot pedal depression. See Col. 4, Lines 5-6 of Holtorf). Moreover, in Claim 1 (now Claim 29), the claim is not limited to one pulse of air.

#2 – Claims 32: Reimels does not appear to teach adjusting a fluid flow rate based on a duration of foot pedal depression. Rather, it appears that Reimels adjusts the fluid flow rate based on the amount of depression. (See Col. 5, Line 51 – Col. 6, Line 9 of Reimels).

#3 – Claim 40: Burbank does not appear to disclose a sensor “in contact with” a flexible tubing. The Burbank reference shows an ultrasonic sensor which depends on sound waves and not on mechanical contact between the sensor and the flexible tubing. Also, Figure 4 of Burbank shows a gap between the ultrasonic sensor 30 and the flexible tubing.

#4 – Claim 43: Burbank does not show a force sensor “in contact with” rollers. Support for a force sensor is found in paragraph 10 of the instant application.

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